

Remarks

- 1) Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 11-18, 20, and 23-26 stand rejected. Claims 2, 6, 8-10, 19, and 21-22 are objected to. Claims 1, 14, and 18 have been amended. Claims 2 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice.
- 2) Claims 2 and 19 were objected to but were found allowable if rewritten in independent form. The amendment to claims 1 and 18 incorporated all the limitation of the allowable claims into their respective independent claims, and thus effectively accomplished the Examiner's demands for rewriting. The remaining claims are patentable by being depended from an allowable independent claims.
- 3) This amendment does not surrender any disclosed subject matter. Applicant reserves every right to re-introduce the cancelled claims and additional claims to any subject matter not claimed heretofore in a later filed application. Applicant specifically disagrees with any and all of the grounds for the rejections taken by the Examiner in this application.
- 4) Applicant believes that the rejections and objections presented by the Examiner in the final office action mailed to applicant November 26, 2008 were overcome, and that the present amendment complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. rule 1.113. Applicant therefore submits that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance.
- 5) Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of all claims in the application as amended by the amendment filed August 24, 2008, is again requested. Alternatively, reconsideration and withdrawal of all the rejections and objections, and issue of a notice of allowance on all pending claims is solicited.
- 6) Should the Examiner find any deficiency in this amendment or in the application, or should the Examiner believe for any reason, that a conversation with applicant's agent

may further the allowance and issuance of this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Shalom Wertsberger at telephone (207) 799-9733.

Respectfully submitted

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